



Clark County Shooting Complex Advisory Committee PUBLIC MEETING

6:30pm Tuesday May 21, 2013

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Lurie-Chair, Linda Lane-Vice Chair, Art Dixon, Chuck Burnett, Kevin Kelley, Martin Olson, Reginald Beatty Robert Gaudet, Roy Clark, and Scott Lofgren

MEMBERS ABSENT (UNEXCUSED): Eric Loden, Neil Dille

ATTENDANCE: 10

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Carmichael Complex Administrator, Iris Kikuchi Secretary, Doug Miles Rec/Cult Specialist, and Betty-jane Kuhlendahl Public Services Specialist

NOTICE POSTED: Clark County Government Center Lobby, Clark County Web site: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov>, Regional Justice Center, Paradise Community Center, Desert Breeze Community Center, Winchester Community Center, Clark County Shooting Complex (Complex Office, Shotgun Center, Rifle-Pistol Center)

I CALL TO ORDER:

- A. This meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Ron Lurie
- B. Silence all cellular phones and pagers.
- C. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law-**CONFIRMED**

II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Roll call was taken. Ten (10) board members are present. A quorum was met.

IV ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. The meeting agenda of May 21, 2013 was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Art Dixon.
- B. The minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved. Motion by Art Dixon.
- C. Steve Carmichael comments that State law **NRS 202.300** states children 14 yrs and over are allowed to shoot on the range with permission by parent/guardian. To be in compliance, Don Turner, President of the Nevada Firearms Coalition, recommends following the state law. Minutes were amended to read children age 14 yrs and above, with written permission by parent/guardian, are allowed to shoot on the range and those under 14 yrs of age need to have adult supervision at all times while on the firing line.
 - Linda Lane reminds committee to take a minute to review the minutes to be sure comments are correct before approval.

V PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A. None to report.

VI STAFF REPORTS: Steve Carmichael, Complex Manager presented the Shooting Complex Briefing:

- Financial Update - Steve announces that the Shooting Complex budget for Fiscal Year 2014 is \$2.2million. A handout from the finance department dated 5/14/2013, shows revenues posted through 4/30/13, which represents 83% of the fiscal year. Through 4/30/13 our cost recovery is shown at 74.14%. We expect to gain another 5% within the next 30 days, followed by another slight gain in June. We will end up very close to where we were in FY12. Last year we ended at 82%, so we are on track despite some setbacks that have occurred such as ammunition shortages. Had these shortages not occurred, we would have ended close to 90% recovery for FY13. The month of May will produce revenue in excess of \$150,000. The handout



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shows revenue received in different areas; miscellaneous fees, contractual fees (brass), admission fees, and retail sales which include ammunition. A similar handout was presented showing the Shooting Complex expenditures through 5/14/13, and provides the details on where our money has been spent through 5/14/13.

- Roy Clark comments the recent article in the Review Journal was not positive. Steve informs committee that the Assistant County Manager phoned him the day the article broke and reassured him the Shooting Complex shouldn't be alarmed. Ron questions whether the SC will be privatized. Kevin Kelley notes that it is impossible to privatize since BLM will not allow privatization of land if managed by county or government entity. BLM will take back land. Land is not deeded it is patented. Art Dixon adds that Public Law 107-350 (12/12/02) states the Shooting Complex cannot privatize and would have to go back to the Federal Government (BLM) if default by the county.
 - Steve continues with the financial update, noting that the column showing expenditures ("Actual Cost") is money spent. We're over budget on part-time staffing costs due to keeping Thursday night year round when we originally planned just to operate that evening during summer and fall. We are over budget on professional services; we ended up purchasing new signs at the entryway (Park to Complex), and hired Converse Consultant for \$5000 to perform soil tests. (The tests provided excellent results showing our EPA compliance under our Environmental Stewardship Plan.) Ammunition costs falls under the retail operating supplies.
- B. Kitchen Update – Offer was accepted by Business Enterprises of Nevada (BEN) for the county to purchase the kitchen appliances, and dining room tables and chairs. The money was taken from our cash surplus and will be expended in Fiscal Year 2013. Next step is to put out a Request for Proposal for a vendor to run the kitchen. So far we know of three interested parties. Ron requests to bring to next month's meeting.
- C. Archery 3D Course – the 3D course is open to the Summer League on Saturdays that started on April 27. We are ready to open to the public on weekends-only beginning Jun 8. The fee schedule will be an action item on the Agenda at the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on Jun 4. The proposed fee is \$10 per adult fee to include the known distance range. The known-distance range adult fee is currently \$7.
- D. Kevin questions if the additional \$3 will cover the cost of the 3D targets. Clarification is needed on the original fee of \$7 at Rifle-Pistol range and if they pay \$10 at the 3D Archery range, does it cover the cost at the Rifle-Pistol range? Steve responds that the RP line fee will change to \$9 per adult and will be a separate fee once approved by the BCC on June 4. Kevin comments that it was not clear during the vote at last month's meeting. The \$7 fee for RP and Archery was to promote the use of both ranges for one fee. Isn't the \$10 line fee for both the 3D-archery course and the RP range? He wasn't aware that it would be a separate fee. Steve continues that there is a need for additional income at the RP range to keep the range properly staffed, which is not a concern at the known distance archery range. Scott Lofgren asked for clarification on the fees: \$10 for 3D Archery and \$9 for Rifle-Pistol. Kevin adds with the \$7 fee at RP and adding the additional \$3 will cover targets. It should be one (1) fee to use all of the ranges, except shotgun fields due to the added cost of clay targets. Scott adds that it will give people more chances to try out all ranges. Kevin adds that the 3D course was to be built as an event range and the county would operate the known distance range. Roy Clark reminds committee that these fees were already voted upon. Steve states there has been no Registered User Group to operate the 3D course, and there is a lot of public interest. Steve continues that the 3D course will operate to the public only on Saturday & Sunday. Customers will pay at the Shotgun Center and check in with the RSO on duty at the Archery known distance range.
- E. Summer Programs – This Saturday May 25, Gauge Shooting Academy will hold their first Fun Shoot as a registered NSCA (National Sporting Clays Association) Tournament, including lunch. It begins at 7:30am and

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will be held monthly on every 4th Saturday. Gauge will sponsor the Western Regional Zone sporting clays tournament in October 2014, expecting 400-500 shooters. This same group is currently running the Wednesday night trap league. Thursday night we are having a Summer Rimfire League. We had a mock trial to go over the rules and regulations. We took out the use of any steel targets because it would be a limiting factor for us. We can expand with more target frames and paper targets if we experience a large turn-out. We are sending information to valley residents and gun stores. It will run for nine (9) weeks, then one (1) week break and go into the Fall League which will also run for nine weeks and end in October when we get ready to close for winter months, Nov-Mar. During Mar-May, we will once again promote the summer league and continue the Summer and Fall Rimfire leagues annually.

- F. Archery Fun Shoot – we are promoting a Summer Fun Shoot for children ages 5-17 years old. We have two 4-week sessions, June 27 – July 25, and August 1-22. The fee is \$40 for all 4 nights, including hot dogs for the kids. Ron concurs a summer program involving the kids is good.
- G. Traffic Logs – The handout gives us the traffic counts for 2013 with the first quarter at 30,000 compared to last year (2012) at 28,000 and year 2011 at 18,000. The park entrance is where customers enter the complex, which is a good indicator of how many come through the front gate. Ron mentions that he was at the complex on Sunday and noticed a lot of bike riders and runners. They need to be aware when cars use the road to move to the side so they won't get hurt. Steve responds that we have installed signs along the road for safety.
- H. Discussion of Proposed Winter Hours of Operation – Steve encourages committee for any discussion regarding the change of Winter Hours. Ron states that the hours stand as committee voted to approve. Refer to last month's minutes for review.
 - Linda Lane questions if the Shooting Complex can hold fundraisers? Kevin comments that there was a non-profit started Friends of the Range by Sue Wohlbrandt that hasn't pulled through. Ron suggests asking Director Jane Pike to next month's meeting to talk to committee about fundraising.

VII COMMITTEE MEMBER'S DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. None to report.

VIII ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approve Proposed Winter Hours of Operation – Steve refers to handout showing sales-by-the-hour in Nov, Dec 2012, & Jan and Feb 2013; four months of documentation and asks committee to look at the one-hour period from 7-8am, Wednesday through Sunday, and the after 5pm period Thursday through Sunday. We took in \$39,393 during these hours last year while our product costs are \$15,000, part-time staff is \$39,270 and electricity cost was \$15,391, during these evening operating hours. On Thursday evenings, revenues hold up through October, then November we take a nosedive. We could eliminate another \$15,000 of the NV Energy bill with another adjustment or two. I spoke to Tom Wilson, CPA and Manager of Accounting Services for Clark County. He said we could set the photo cells on at sunset and shut off around 10:30-11pm when our Camper Hosts settle down for the night. In the morning, we could program the lights to turn back on during the dark winter months, then adjust as daylight hours become longer. Ron suggests we should look at saving money.
 - Martin Olson wondered if there were any thoughts on solar power at the complex. Steve comments that Springs Preserve has a lot of solar, but we would need funding.
 - Discussion about marketing ads for more volunteers in the Host program. Steve comments that we are working on several ads to include RV with shooting, bring your RV and we will give you rounds to shoot

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trap and/or skeet, and will be in conjunction with shooting. Martin adds that we need more amenities; more vegetation, shower facilities and laundry rooms to tap into the tourist trade.

- **ACTION ITEM** – approve Winter Hours for 4 month period Nov 1st through March 1st- Wednesday 8am-10pm, and Thursday through Sunday 8am-5pm. *Vote: Motion by Roy Clark, Second by Ron Lurie. Committee unanimously approves the motion.*
- **ACTION ITEM** – Approve implementation of \$10 adult daily fee for the new 3D Archery Course. This daily fee would include use of the existing known distance range. *Vote: Kevin Kelley changes the motion that the \$10 3D Archery fee includes known distance range and the use of the Rifle-Pistol range, with the exception of the shotgun fields due to the cost of clay targets. Second by Art Dixon. Committee unanimously approves the new motion.*

IX CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Linda Lane inquires about the logo. Steve responds that we are looking for a new idea that can be used with more than one application. A logo by itself that we can incorporate the Clark County Shooting Complex. We are missing the entire market in schools and young shooters. The Nike logo doesn't have the word "Nike" and we know what the swoosh mark stands for. I'd like to see pictograms, something like the Olympic symbols with archery, shotgun, rifle and pistol wrapped into one logo that is unique and when you see it, you would know it represents the CCSC. We need a basis for a good idea. When you look at the entry sign, the rifle conflicts with the brand name. A logo is a brand too. Roy Clark suggests he will take back to his office to develop something. Ron has someone at his work place that can do that as well. Steve suggests not a picture, maybe some type of pictogram. Roy comments that we are in Paiute Indian territory; maybe they have a pictogram that means hills or mountains.

X PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. None to report.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 18, 2013, at 6:30pm at the Government Center in the Pueblo Room.

XII ADJOURNMENT

- A. Steve reminds committee that he has complimentary shooting passes available. See him after the meeting.
- B. Martin is concerned about the new winter hours and the gate being closed at 5pm. He has classes with children attending and parents may have problems picking up their kids if the gate is closed. Steve reassures Martin that a Range Master will be on duty when there are events and their contact information can be posted at the main gate as well as the entryway of the Education Center.

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